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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No. 3433/2010-LA(Legn.).

Puducherry, the 23rd April 2010.

Under rule 140 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business
of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly, the following Bill viz.,

The Puducherry Co-operative Societies (Amendment)
Bill, 2010 (Bill No. 5 of 2010),

which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly on April 23, 2010 is
published for general information.

THE PUDUCHERRY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2010

(Bill No. 5 of 2010)

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BILL

**further to amend the Puducherry Co-operative
Societies Act, 1972.**

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
Puducherry in the Sixty-first year of the Republic of
India as follows:—

Short title and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Puducherry
Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2010.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the
Government may, by notification in the official
gazette, appoint.

Amendment
of section 32.

2. In the Puducherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972, for sub-section (3) of section 32, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Act
No. 7
of 1973.

“(3) (i) The committee shall consist of not less than seven and not more than fifteen members in a registered society classified as a primary society and not less than nine and not more than twenty-one members in a registered society classified as a central or an apex society.

(ii) Out of the total number of members of the committee, not less than two, shall be reserved for women and for weaker sections among the members of such class of societies and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(iii) Every registered primary society, other than a society which is formed exclusively for the benefit of students or fishermen or members belonging to the scheduled castes, shall provide one seat in a committee which has a membership of not more than nine members and two seats in a committee which has a membership exceeding nine members for the members belonging to scheduled castes, who shall be elected by and from among the members of such society:

Provided that, if no member belonging to the scheduled castes is elected to the committee of a registered primary society under this clause, then such committee shall co-opt the members of the scheduled castes from among the members of the society to the membership of the committee:

Provided further that, a casual vacancy, arising out of resignation, death or otherwise of such member shall be filled up by way of co-option from among the members of the society belonging to scheduled castes.

(iv) Nothing contained in clauses (ii) or (iii) shall prevent the women members or members belonging to weaker sections or scheduled Castes from being elected to the non-reserved seats in the committee.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Requests have been received from different quarters, including from the past and present members of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly and from various associations of scheduled castes, for providing reservation of seats for the scheduled castes in the committee of management of Co-operative Societies.

The Puducherry Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 has not provided for reservation of seats for the scheduled castes in the committee of Co-operative Societies.

In view of the above, it is proposed to provide one seat for the members of the scheduled castes in the committee of registered Primary Co-operative Societies which has a membership of not more than nine members and two seats in a committee having a membership exceeding nine members, by way of amending sub-section (3) of section 32 of the said Act. Further, it is also proposed to increase the minimum and maximum number of members of the committee of the Primary Co-operative Societies by one, so that the existing structure is not affected.

The salient features of the proposal are:—

(i) the committee of management of Primary Co-operative Societies, other than a society which is formed exclusively for the benefit of the students or the fishermen or members belonging to the scheduled castes, shall provide for seats for members of the scheduled castes in such committee as above; and

(ii) if such member from scheduled castes is not elected to the committee, the committee shall co-opt the members of the scheduled castes from the members of the society to the membership of the committee. Thus, representation of scheduled caste members in the committee is ensured.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

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